Fall in collection of excise duties

2639. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tax collection from excise duties as a percentage of GDP have fallen steadily through the 1990s;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The ratio of revenue for excise as percentage of GIP during 1990s is given below:—

Year	Ratio of excise collection to GDP (%)
1990-91	4.3
1991-92	4.6
1992-93	4.1
1993-94	3.7
1994-95	3.7
1995-96	3.4
1996-97	3.3
1997-98	3.2
1998-99	3.0
1999-2000	3.2

(c) Various measures have been taken to augment the revenue from excise. These include (i) rationalization of rate structure and (ii) simplification of administrative procedures in order to increase tax compliance, and (iii) phasing out exemptions.

Reduction in rate of interest by IDBI for Dabhol's outstanding loans

2640. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: